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ELIYAHOU HARARI et al.

Application No.: 09/310,880

Filed: May 14, 1999

For: FLASH EEPROM SYSTEM

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Art Unit: 2818

REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE WITH
U.S. PATENT 5,774,395 AND
U.S. PATENT 5,828,601
UNDER C.F.R. § 1.607

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These remarks are in response to the office action mailed August 9, 2001.

REMARKS

Claims 63-80 are pending in this application. Claims 63-75 substantially correspond to claims 9-13, 15-20, 22 and 1, respectively, of U.S. patent 5,744,395, which issued to Richart et al. on June 30, 1998. Claims 76-80 substantially correspond to claims 1-3, 14, and 16, respectively, of U.S. patent 5,828,601, which issued to Hollmer et al. on October 27, 1998.

Applicants respectfully request that an interference be declared under 37 C.F.R. § 1.607 between the present application and U.S. patents 5,744,395 and 5,828,601.

The present application, U.S. patent application 09/310,880, filed on May 14, 1999, is a continuation of U.S. patent application 08/771,708, filed December 20,

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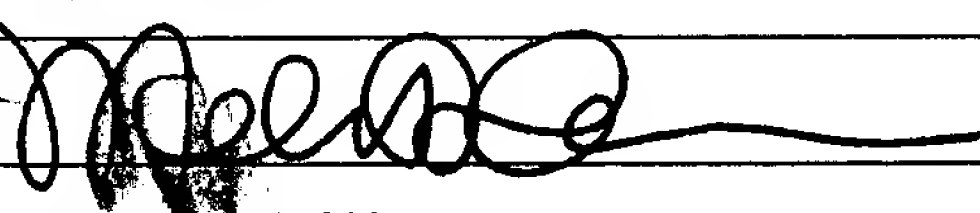
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